



The Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Presents The WoW Express

What is the WoW Express?

The Watershed on Wheels (WoW) Express is a traveling exhibit designed to engage children of all ages in the beauty and wonder of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, which comprises the 7.2 million-acre Connecticut River Watershed.



The WoW Express includes two, engaging components: a walk-through immersion exhibit featuring the diverse sights and sounds of the watershed; and eight, interactive kiosks exploring the cultural, economic and environmental significance of the Conte Refuge.

Walk-Through Exhibit

The walk-through exhibit is enclosed in a 28-foot trailer wrapped in a colorful mural depicting the wildlife of the Conte Refuge. The immersion trailer simulates a walk in the New England Forest and is designed to introduce children to the diversity of wildlife that may be found within the Refuge- and in their own back yards!

Interactive Kiosks

The WoW Express features seven portable, four-sided kiosks and one interactive watershed table. Each kiosk employs interactive panels, games or computer screens to creatively engage children in the topics of biodiversity, wetlands, bald eagles, migratory birds, endangered species, migratory fish, food webs, and invasive species. The interactive watershed table includes a model of the Connecticut River Watershed and uses push buttons and lights to inform on the many facets of the Conte Refuge.



What is the Conte Refuge?

The Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge was established in 1997 by an act of Congress to conserve the abundance and diversity of native plants and animals and their habitats in the 7.2 million acre Connecticut River watershed. The Conte Refuge is the only Refuge of its kind to be bound by a watershed. The Conte Refuge supports its conservation goals, in part, through educational activities and exhibits (such as the WoW Express) presented at several Refuge centers and as outreach programs in the four watershed states: Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut. More information on the refuge can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/r5soc/>.

How can I bring the WoW Express to my location?

For information on bringing the WoW Express to your school or community, please contact Sarah Bevilacqua at Sarah_Bevilacqua@fws.gov or 413-863-3676, or fill out the request form below.

What are the requirements to host the WoW Express?

The WoW Express is presented free as part of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge's mission. In order to set up, the WoW Express requires a flat, hard surface, such as a concrete parking lot, to park the 28-foot walk-through exhibit trailer. The walk-through exhibit runs on a grounded electric outlet if available, or may be powered by our generator in the case that no grounded electric outlet is available. The kiosks can be set up on any flat, hard surface indoors or outdoors as weather permits. There should be someone designated to meet the WoW Express drivers on-site approximately 1-2 hours prior to the event. Please keep in mind the WoW Express requires approximately 1-2 hours prior to and after the event for set-up and take-down.





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WoW Express Request Form

This form serves as a request for the WoW Express– the traveling exhibit of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. We want to ensure a successful visit, so please review the information on the preceding page prior to filling out a request. This is not a reservation; we will contact you as soon as we can to discuss possible dates. Please return this form to US Fish and Wildlife Service, Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376 or you can e-mail it to Sarah_Bevilacqua@fws.gov. If you have further questions, please contact Sarah Bevilacqua at Sarah_Bevilacqua@fws.gov or (413) 863-3676.

Your Information

Name and description of event (if applicable): _____

Location and address of venue: _____

Name of organization: _____

Contact person name: _____

Contact phone number: _____ Contact e-mail address: _____

How many attendees are expected? (Use historical average, if available) _____

Please list dates in order of your preference: (Use Month/Date/Year and Times; if applicable)

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Describe the area that you have for us to set up. (Please refer to the prior page, "What are the requirements to host the WoW Express?")
